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Annual Meeting, "Things You Need to Know" Saturday, October 28, 2006 Crowne Plaza, Worcester, Massachusetts

From 8:15 to 9:00 a.m., during registration time, we will offer the early Bird help desk, staffed by Federation directors and officers. This will be conveniently located just behind the registration table.

You may call in to register at 508-384-3854, or mail in your reservation to Mass Fed, P.O. Box 468, Wrentham, MA 02093 **OR** register via e-mail mfpabl@hotmail.com. The program begins at 9:00 a.m. with a short business meeting (required as part for our federal non-profit status). Reports from the Treasurer and the Secretary of the Federation will be presented during the business meeting, and election of officers and directors will take place.

The KEYNOTE SPEAKER will be attorney Robert Ritchie, Chief of the Municipal Law division of the office of the Secretary of State. He will speak on "What You Get When You Receive the Approval of his office for your new Bylaw (And What You Don't Get") Also speaking during the morning program are: Jim O'Connell of the Land Use Reform Group, who will detail the current status of the long-term effort to the legislature. The Massachusetts Chapter of the APA represented by Carol Thomas of Thomas Planning Services, in concert with the Federation, will present the Charles E. Downe award. Attorney Carol Rolf will present recent court decisions in planning and zoning, and to end the morning, Donald Schmidt will explain where we are with 40R. At the close of the morning session, we will adjourn for a buffet lunch with an entree choice of chicken or fish, pasta or garden salad, rolls, vegetables, tea/coffee, and dessert. After lunch, the afternoon sessions will begin around 1:30 p.m.

This year, we offer: Attorney **Carol Rolf**, who will discuss variances; Federal Director **Margaret Neves** and **James Swallec** of the Real Estate Assests Management department of National Grid, who will present a workshop on easements and rights of way, and offer some ideas to local boards on the solutions to these problems; and Attorney **Joseph Cove** who will present the latest on the law, municipalities, court decisions and cell towers. The law/decisions *may* be swinging in favor of municipalities...

At approximately 2:40, the second tier of workshops will begin, with Carol Rolf presenting on special permits; Federation Board of Directors member Gerry Capozzolli and members of the Zoning Board of Appeals of Stoughton will discuss what it means to a town to attract an IKEA and/or other big box stores, and how boards can handle what is involved; Carol Thomas and Megan Diprete (formerly the Town Planner in Grafton, now with R.H. White) will offer a workshop on cul-de-sacs and dead-end streets. Carol wrote a manual on this for APA some years ago, and it is going to be updated this year. Get the latest thinking on this planning feature now.

Cost of the meeting is \$30.00 for attendees from member boards; \$35 for attendees from non-member boards. You may pay by personal check, a check from your municipality, or cash (by mail, or at the door). WE CANNOT TAKE CREDIT CARDS! We ask that you call in to register first, and let us know how and when the registration will be paid, and let us know if you will be staying for lunch. The hotel requires a meal count the day before the event. The deadline is October 27, 2006! We hope to see you there.

We will provide each attendee and presenter with a free parking ticket, in your conference folder. There will be pastries, coffee, tea, and juice available at registration time.

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